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SENATOR NORE: That's right, that's right, absolutely right.

SPEAKER: Okay.

SENATOR NORE: Now I'm amazed at Senator Kelly. Do you realize Senator Kelly that this bill is a blank check, there is no, they can spend as much money as they want. This is a blank check and for a business man to give anybody a blank check, above all a government body a blank check, it's very dangerous business. I'd like to go back again, at this legislative, the Executive Board are nice people, I have no qualms of them, but we have been giving them powers until we practically have no powers outside of the Executive Board anymore. That's the direction it's going. This started in 1965, it's going on and on and on. I see things going around this state building, state Capitol building, we're running out officers, offices that we should have here, we've been doing things that I don't approve of and there is nothing much you can do about it. It's never been considered before this body. Now really government is a necessary evil, that's the way I look at it. Now do we want to make it bigger, want to make this necessary evil bigger, 49 times as big as it is?

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer, then Senator Whitney, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of this body, Senator Carpenter mentioned earlier that I had made a request to him as head of the Executive Board about the possibility of getting permission to travel to other states on legislative business, and I guess later on this was granted for which I thank him for asking for this permission. I'd like to point out I have not as yet submitted any expense voucher for this trip and I do not now, considering the state of affairs in this state, intend to ever submit any expense voucher again. I have supported Senator Carpenter in this bill, I think we need to strengthen the legislative process, but unfortunately while he was absent a bill came up for hearing, LB 10 that had a public hearing, which there was no opposition, and after it got on the floor, many Senators allowed as how we couldn't afford to build school buildings for children even though they're in temporary buildings and facilities, even though they're in old structures. Even though the constitution requires I think that we should do so, I think if we can't afford to build school buildings for children, I for one think we can't afford anything additional and for that reason hereforth, and in the future, if we can't take care of our children as prescribed by the constitution, I think the people must surely have spoken, they don't want us to spend money on anything, least of all us.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I wish to support Senator Snyder in sending this bill back to a standing committee. Now why do I want to do this? First I want to say that I have been supporting this bill up until now, I debated against killing the bill, and I still want to have this to have adequate consideration before a committee. Now I want to read the amendment which Senator Carpenter has put on this bill, that it is necessary to provide the citizens of this state with greater and more convenient access to the processes of government, especially the legislative processes in order that the citizen may more effectively carry out his constitutional rights to partition the government. Now I ask this legislature do you wish to deny the people of the state of Nebraska access to this legislature through a standing committee and still come out in this bill and say we've got to have offices in the state so we will deny them their constitutional rights. I say that